



**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
June 11, 2014**

The November meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 2014 at 10:30AM at the Maryland State Police Aviation Command in Middle River, MD. The following members were present.

Chairman Sudhir Trivedi
Vice Chairman Mario VillaSanta
MDOT Staff Ian Beam
Charles Deegan
Elmer Horsey
Jack Luskin
Michael Moore
Gary Simpson
Catherine Riley

Chairman Sudhir Trivedi called the meeting to order at 10:14AM. The May minutes were unanimously approved. The Commission then met with members of the Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Command, who gave a tour of the Middle River hanger and facility. Ms. Riley asked how long it will take to have the new models operational. Mr. Rodger Dewey of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and serves as the liaison between MDOT and MSP answered that the new models will be in service statewide by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Dewey also segued into a discussion of how the fee assessed by the Maryland Vehicle Administration is funding the costs of the new helicopters.

A discussion then followed among the Commissioners weighing the merits of keeping the old models, which are EuroCopter Aerospatiale Dauphins versus acquiring the new AugustaWestland AW-139 models. The State Troopers and Mr. Dewey conveyed that the decision was made in light of the crash and loss of the souls onboard Trooper 2, a Dauphin model, and the shortcomings of that model along with the age of the current fleet of Dauphins. The cost of \$11.7 million per AW-139 was also discussed. The Commission was then shown the different features of both models of helicopters firsthand.

The Commission adjourned at 11:37AM and will next meet July 9 at 10:30AM at MDOT Headquarters.